

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1) A method for typing a word using a phonetic alphabet, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of bics, wherein said plurality of  
5 bics are comprised of typeable roman letters and combined typeable roman letters; and

combining at least one of said plurality of bics to phonetically spell said word.

2) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

10 assigning a certain sound to a unique one of each of said plurality of bics.

3) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of providing a plurality of bics further comprises the step of:

15 arranging said plurality of bics and said typeable roman letters and combined typeable roman letters into a pronunciation key.

4) A method for learning the orthographic spelling of a word, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a typeable phonetic alphabet;

20 phonetically spelling said word using said typeable phonetic alphabet; and

comparing and contrasting said typeable phonetic spelling with said orthographic spelling of said word.

5) The method of claim 4 wherein said step of providing a  
25 typeable phonetic alphabet further comprises the step of:

providing a pronunciation key of roman letters and combined roman letters.

6) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

assigning a certain sound to a unique one of each of said  
5 roman letters and combined roman letters within said pronunciation key.

7) The method of claim 4 wherein said step of comparing and contrasting said typeable phonetic spelling to said orthographic spelling of said word further comprises the step of:

10 providing an alphabetical listing of words spelled using said typeable phonetic spelling; and

providing said orthographic spelling of said word in close proximity to said typeable phonetic spelling of said word.

8) A method for determining an orthographic spelling and  
15 definition of a word based upon a pronunciation of said word, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a typeable phonetic alphabet; and

providing a dictionary which is arranged based upon said typeable phonetic alphabet.

20 9) The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

phonetically spelling said word using said typeable phonetic alphabet.

10) The method of claim 9 wherein said step of providing a dictionary further comprises the step of:

placing said orthographic spelling and definition of said word next to said phonetic spelling of said word.

11) The method of claim 10 wherein said word is in a different language than said definition of said word.

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